



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Michael A. Ervin
8202 Talbot Cove
Austin TX 78746

MAILED

JAN 04 2011

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Patent No. 7,014,605	:	
Issue Date: March 21, 2006	:	
Application No. 10/824,821	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 15, 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. MAE-WW-3	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 30, 2010, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on March 22, 2010 for failure to pay the three and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Petitioner submitted \$2,195 with the instant petition. The amount due was \$1640 for the surcharge required under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) plus \$490 for the three and one-half year maintenance fee for a total due of \$2130. Accordingly, the excess \$65 will be refunded by Treasury Check in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.


David Bugci
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions